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Accordingly, the parties stipulate and request that the proceedings in this case be stayed until 1 2 July 5, 2024, at which time the parties will file a joint status report with the Court. At that time, the parties may request a further continuance of the stay of proceedings, dismissal of the litigation if 3 appropriate, or placement of the case back on the Court's active docket. A stay of proceedings in this 4 5 case will benefit the parties and conserve the Court's resources while the parties pursue a potential administrative resolution. 6 Respectfully submitted,1 7 8 ISMAIL J. RAMSEY United States Attorney 9 Dated: April 15, 2024 /s/ Elizabeth D. Kurlan 10 ELIZABETH D. KURLAN Assistant United States Attorney 11 Attorneys for Defendants 12 Dated: April 15, 2024 13 /s/ Eric J. Martin ERIC JOSEPH MARTIN 14 Attorney for Plaintiff 15 [PROPOSED] ORDER 16 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED. 17 Date: April 16, 2024 18 CHARLES R. BREYER 19 United States District Judge 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 ¹ In accordance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), the filer of this document attests that all 27

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signatories listed herein concur in the filing of this document.

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